

Subject: RE: ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM ~ AT SALVATION ARMY

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Sgt. Davis:

I'm happy to hear this has been going smoothly and very much appreciate your and Captain Palka's efforts to keep us all informed. It is my belief that the change in leadership of the WHGFC board and the support of the Salvation Army alone, significantly improves this engagement program. Combine those two important changes with the continued support of LAPD, new partnerships with LAHSA, the LA City Attorney's Office, UCLA Health and other non-profit homeless service providers, I am hopeful they can achieve their mission with as little impact to the surrounding neighborhood as possible. I know the residents living around the previous location near La Brea & Romaine area endured several years of activities resulting from the feeding program that affected their quality of life in a very negative way but are now getting some long overdue relief. So, again, thank you!!

-josh

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Good Afternoon Everyone,

I was asked by Captain Palka to update all of you on the new "Engagement Program" at the Salvation Army Food Coalition, located at 5939 Hollywood Boulevard. This program began on January 2, 2017, and Captain Palka is keeping a close eye on this program to ensure that it runs smoothly. Here is some information for you to know: There are (2) security officers working the location and there has been lighting added to aid the security officers. This program is feeding 75 to 125 needy people per day. In a one month span, we have not been made aware of any quality of life issues. There has not been any multiple calls for service at this location during the one month span. We also did a crime comparison from 2016 year-to-date to 2017 year-to-date; for burglaries a decrease of -66.67% and for theft a decrease of -100%. We have only seen a couple of homeless sleeping under the freeway at Gower Street and Carlos Avenue and have provided outreach and has come with the assistance from the Operations-West Bureau HOPE Team.

Senior Lead Officer Armen Sevdalian has been in contact with the director and has made a partnership to keep the lines of communication with the coalition in constant flow. Additionally, Captain Palka will continue updating everyone with regards to this location as we go forth.

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